

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Health Care Financing Administration – Region IV

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Mr. Michael E. Lewis, Commissioner Alabama Medicaid Agency 501 Dexter Avenue P.O. Box 5624 Montgomery, AL 36103-5624

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to amend Alabama's Home and Community Based Waiver serving the disabled homebound has been approved. This waiver amendment (control number AL 0241.90.R1.01) is effective October 1, 2001.

The amendment will add personal assistance services (PAS) to the existing waiver service options. Your staff has assured us that PAS will be a service option for all eligible waiver recipients, although PAS is primarily for the employed individuals in the waiver program. There will be a probable increase in the total cost of this waiver but not in the number of persons served by the waiver as a result of the amendment.

Should you have questions about this approval, please contact Marsha Montague at (404) 562-7506.

Sincerely,

Eugene Grasser Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and State Operations